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RE: Shigetaro SHIMADA

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On 9 January 1946 the records of the Personnel Section, Cabinet Secretariat were examined at the Diet Building, Tokyo.

Complete personnel records of the subject were micro-filmed. Photostatic copies, together with translation, are on file as Exhibit No. 102.

Following is a transcript of the translation:

SHIGETARO SHIMADA

BORN : 24 September 1889

RESIDENCE: Tokyo

RANK : Military Class

FAMILY : Father - MEISHU - Sep 23, 1859
Mother - YAKA - Sep 20, 1856

1901 Dec 16 Assigned as a student at the Naval Academy (Naval Academy)

1904 Nov 14 Graduated from the Naval Academy;
Ordered as a Naval Cadet (Navy Department);
Assigned aboard the Kanzaki-Maru (Navy Department)

1905 Jan 3 Released from assignment on the Kanzaki-Maru and assigned
aboard the Izumi (Navy Department)

Aug 31 Promoted to Ensign;
Assigned to the Izumi (Navy Department)

Oct 4 Conferred 8th Court Rank, Senior Grade

1906 Feb 16 Assigned aboard the Anekawa-Maru for training (Navy Department)

Jul 6 Relieved of assignment on the Izumi and attached to the
7th Division

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- 1906 Apr 1 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Single Ray of the Rising Sun (Granted ¥350.00 and received the War Medal, Russo-Japanese War - 1905)
- 1907 Aug 5 Relieved of current duties and assigned as a student of General Courses at the Gunnery School
 - Sep 28 Promoted to Lieutenant (j-g.) (Cabinet)
 - Nov 30 Conferred the 7th Court Rank, Junior Grade
 - Dec 16 Released as student at the Gunnery School and assigned as a student at the Naval Torpedo School in a general course (Navy Department)
- 1908 Apr 20 Released from the General Course of the Naval Torpedo School (Navy Department);
Attached to the Training Division (Navy Department)
 - Oct 23 Relieved of current duties and assigned aboard the Niitaka (Navy Department)
 - Dec 23 Released from assignment aboard the Niitaka and reassigned to the Otowa (Navy Department)
- 1909 Oct 1 Released from assignment on the Otowa and ordered to assume temporary duties on the Otowa (Navy Department)
 - Oct 11 Promoted to Lieutenant;
Appointed Divisional Officer of the Otowa
 - Nov 16 Relieved of current duties and appointed Divisional Officer of the Yokosuka Naval Barracks
 - Dec 20 Conferred the 7th Court Rank, Senior Grade
- 1910 May 23 Relieved of current duties;
Assigned as student of Class B of the Naval War College
 - Dec 1 Reassigned as student of advanced courses at the Naval Torpedo School
- 1911 May 23 Released as student after completion of course;
Appointed Tsukuba Divisional Officer
- 1912 Apr 15 Relieved of current duties and appointed Divisional Officer of Settsu
 - May 24 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 5th Grade

- 1913 Dec 1 Relieved of current duties and assigned as student of Class A of the Naval War College
- 1915 Jan 30 Conferred the 6th Court Rank (Junior Grade)
- 1915 Sep 25 Appointed as an Attendant of Referees for the Grand Naval Maneuvers (War Department)
- Dec 13 Promoted to Lt. Com.;
Released as student on completion of the Class A student course at the Naval War College;
Appointed Gunnery Officer of the Shikishima
- 1916 Feb 10 Relieved of current duties and ordered to station in Italy
- Aug 1 Concurrently appointed as an assistant in the Italian Embassy
- 1915 Nov 7 Received the medal of war of 1914-1915
- 1917 Nov 27 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 4th Grade
- Dec 1 Assigned as Naval Attache in the Italian Embassy (Cabinet);
Relieved of additional post (War Department);
Released from post in Italy (War Department);
Additional appointment as Inspector of Shipbuilding and Manufacturing of Arms (War Department)
- Dec 7 Relieved of the additional post as Shipbuilding Inspector (War Department)
- 1918 Mar 1 Ordered to return to Japan (Cabinet)
- Aug 11 Relieved of current duties (Military Attache to the Japanese Embassy in Italy (Cabinet)
- 1919 Aug 5 Relieved of additional post (War Department);
Appointed to Staff of the Training Fleet
- Sep 25 Appointed as a Staff Officer of the 7th Division while the fleet was being organized as a squadron for the Special Grand Maneuvers in 1919
- 1920 Jun 30 Conferred the 6th Court Rank, Senior Grade
- May 22 Awarded the 3rd Medal of the Crown by the Emperor of Italy and allowed to wear it (Bureau of Decorations);
Awarded the medal of the 4th Order from the Italian Emperor and allowed to wear it
- Jun 3 Relieved of current duties and appointed to the Naval General Staff (Navy Department)

- 1920 Sep 1 Additionally appointed as a member of the Technical Council of the Naval Technical Headquarters (Navy Department)
- Dec 1 Promoted to Commander (Cabinet)
- Nov 1 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Small Cordon of the Rising Sun (Granted ¥2,100.00 for meritorious service during War of 1915-1920)
- 1922 Feb 1 Relieved of current duties and additionally appointed as a member of the Naval Training Headquarters (Navy Department)
- Sep 20 Additionally appointed as a member of Army General Staff (War Department)
- Nov 20 Relieved of current duties and additional post;
Appointed Executive Officer of the HYUGA (Navy Department);
Relieved of additional post as member of the Army General Staff (War Department)
- 1923 Dec 1 Relieved of current duties and appointed as an instructor at the Naval Staff College (Navy Department)
- Nov 30 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 3rd Class
- 1924 Dec 1 Promoted to Captain (Cabinet)
- Dec 27 Conferred the 5th Court Rank, Junior Grade
- 1926 Oct 15 Relieved of current duties and attached to the Kure Naval District (Navy Department)
- Dec 1 Appointed Commander of the 7th Submarine Division (Navy Dept.)
- 1927 Nov 15 Appointed to serve in the Naval General Staff (Navy Dept.)
- 1928 Aug 20 Appointed as Captain of the TAMA (Navy Department)
- Dec 10 Appointed as Captain of the HIE (Navy Department)
- 1929 Nov 30 Promoted to Rear Admiral (Cabinet);
Appointed Chief of Staff of the 2nd Fleet (Navy Department)
- 1930 Jan 16 Conferred the 5th Court Rank, Senior Grade
- Dec 1 Appointed as Chief of Staff of the 1st Fleet and additionally as Chief of Staff of the Combined Fleet (Navy Department)

- 1931 Dec 1 Appointed President of the Naval Submarine School (Navy Dept.)
- 1932 Feb 2 Appointed Chief of Staff of the 3rd Fleet (Navy Dept.)
- Jul 28 Appointed to the Naval General Staff and additionally as a member of the Naval Technical Council (Navy Department)
- 1933 Aug 25 Specially ordered attached to the Military Inspector (Navy Dept.)
- Oct 1 Appointed as Chief of Class A of the Naval General Staff and Additionally as member of Naval Technical Council (Navy Dept.)
- Oct 19 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 2nd Class
- 1934 Nov 15 Promoted to Vice Admiral (Cabinet)
- Dec 1 Conferred the 4th Court Rank, Junior Grade
- 1935 Feb 20 Appointed to serve in the Naval General Staff (War Dept.)
- 1934 Apr 29 Decorated with the Imperial Military Order of the Golden Kite, 3rd Class (Annuity: ¥750.00)
- 1934 Apr 29 Awarded the Imperial Order of the Double Rays of the Rising Sun (meritorious service - War of 1931-1934)
- 1935 Dec 2 Appointed as Vice Chief of the Naval General Staff (Navy Dept.)
- Nov 4 Appointed as a member of the Reform Council on Instruction and Learning (Cabinet)
- Dec 10 (Abolished by the Imperial Ordinance No. 85) Appointed as a member of the Investigation Council of National Resources (Cabinet)
- Nov 13 Appointed Court official of the Imperial Household (Imperial Household)
- 1937 Dec 1 Relieved of current duties; Appointed Commander of the 2nd Fleet (Not published in the Official Gazette) (Cabinet)
- Dec 9 Relieved as Court official of the Imperial Household (Imperial Household)
- 1937 Nov 20 Appointed member of the Navy Preparedness Board of the Imperial Headquarters (Navy Department)
- Dec 15 Conferred 4th Court Rank, Senior Grade

- 1938 Nov 2 Awarded a set of silver cups (Meritorious Service - Anti-Comintern Pact of Japan and Germany)
- Nov 15 Relieved of current duties;
Appointed as Commander of the Kure Naval District
(Not published in the Official Gazette) (Cabinet)
- 1939 Apr 13 Decorated with the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure, 1st Class
- 1940 May 1 Appointed Commander of the China Area Fleet (Not published in the Official Gazette) (Cabinet)
- Apr 15 Appointed to serve in the Naval General Staff (Navy Dept.)
- Nov 15 Promoted to Admiral (Cabinet)
- 1940 Dec 2 Conferred the 3rd Court Rank (Junior Grade)
- 1941 Sep 1 Relieved of current duties;
Appointed Commander of the Yokosuka Naval District
(Not published in the Official Gazette) (Cabinet)
Additionally appointed as a member of the Naval Officers' Council (Navy Department)
- Sep 13 Decorated with the Grand Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun
- Oct 18 Appointed Minister of the Navy (Cabinet)
- 1940 Apr 29 Decorated with the Imperial Military Order of the Golden Kite, 2nd Class;
Decorated with the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun (Meritorious Service: China Incident)
- 1942 Dec 15 Conferred 3rd Court Rank (Senior Grade)
- 1944 Feb 19 Appointed as Chief of the Naval General Staff (Cabinet)
- Jul 17 Relieved of current duties at his own request (Cabinet);
Specially granted the privileges of his former post (Cabinet)
- Aug 2 Appointed to the Supreme War Council (Not published in the Official Gazette) (Cabinet)
- 1945 Jan 20 Placed on the Reserve Status at his request (Not published in the Official Gazette) (Navy Department)

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